

**ENTERED**

January 17, 2018

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
VICTORIA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA                   §  
   §  
VS.   § MAG. JUDGE NO. 6:18-MJ-6-2  
   §  
JENNIFER MERCADO                           §

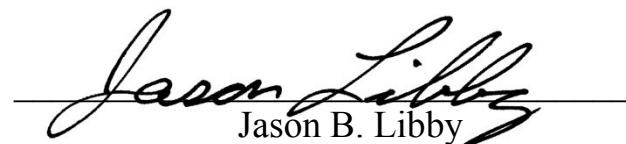
**MEMORANDUM OPINION AND  
ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL**

A detention hearing has been held in accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f). Detention of the defendant pending trial in this case is necessary because there is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear. The evidence against the defendant meets the probable cause standard. The defendant is currently on federal supervised release out of this Court for conspiracy to transport undocumented aliens. *See United States v. Jennifer Mercado*, No. 2:16-cr-393-002 (S.D. Tex. Oct. 5, 2016) (judgment). A violation petition will be filed. The defendant has shown the inability or unwillingness to comply with court ordered supervision and is, therefore, a poor candidate for bond. The findings and conclusions contained in the Pretrial Services Report are adopted.

The defendant is committed to the custody of the United States Marshal or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in

custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

ORDERED this 17th day of January, 2018.



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Jason B. Libby  
United States Magistrate Judge